

## REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Booman U. S. Patent No. 6,216,169; hereinafter Booman.

Applicant's claim 1, as amended, calls for "generating a request with a deadline at a sender location and recording that request at the sender location indicating deadline and automatically setting up a follow-up reminder at the sender location to determine if a request has been completed by the deadline." It is not seen where the Booman reference has or teaches the follow-up at the sender location so the sender can follow-up if the sender does not receive a response from the receiver. Without this follow-up the sender may forget to remind the receiver or set a second deadline in time. The Booman reference does mention at Col. 8, lines 54-66 prompting the network manager to input parameters specific to the selected report. It mentions the input parameters may include a time period for the report (report on data from the previous week) but does not teach or suggest a follow-up reminder for the sender. This is a critical and important parameter for applicant's follow-up method.

Claims 2-5 dependent on claim 1 are deemed allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim.1.

Claim 2 further calls for "said sender determines if a done request is completed before said deadline and generates a message to receivers if it has not been completed by the deadline date."

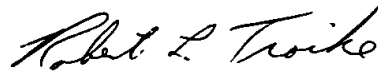
Claim 3 further calls for "said sender automatically sends a message to said receivers if a deadline date has not been met. "

Claim 4 further calls for "said sender also automatically sends a second deadline date with a second message if a deadline has not been met and sets a second follow-up reminder."

Claim 5 further calls for "said sender determines if a done request is completed before said second deadline and generates a message to receivers if it has not been completed by the second deadline date."

In view of the above applicants' claims 1-5, as amended, are deemed allowable and an early notice of allowance of these claims is deemed in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Troike". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Troike" clearly distinguishable.

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